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**MOTION TO DEVELOP PURPOSEFUL AGING LOS ANGELES INITIATIVE**

The population in the County of Los Angeles (County) is aging more rapidly and living longer than ever before. According to estimates from the California Department of Finance, between 2010 and 2030, the older adult population (65+) in the County is expected to double, from 1.073 million to 2.116 million people. The 2015 Los Angeles Healthy Aging Report highlighted that life expectancy in the Los Angeles region is on the rise, increasing from 75.8 years in 1991 to 81.5 years in 2011.

In 2011, the National Institute on Aging noted that the significant increase in human longevity is one of society's greatest achievements. However, an aging population also presents new challenges to our communities in areas such as healthcare, housing, transportation, and delivery of older adult services. Preparing for this demographic shift will require significant regional planning and collaboration among multiple systems, including government, educational institutions, community-based organizations, businesses and other stakeholders.

On May 3, 2016, our Board unanimously endorsed the Purposeful Aging Los Angeles Initiative – a countywide, multi-year effort that will unite public and private leadership, resources, ideas and strategies to improve the lives of older adults and

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Angelenos of all ages. Purposeful Aging Los Angeles is a collaboration of the following founding partners: County of Los Angeles Community and Senior Services (CSS), the City of Los Angeles Department of Aging, AARP, the Milken Institute Center for the Future of Aging, the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology and the UCLA Los Angeles Community Academic Partnership for Research in Aging. This Initiative will integrate an aging framework into the activities of public and private organizations throughout the Los Angeles region.

As a critical component of the Initiative, our Board authorized CSS to apply on behalf of the County for membership in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. On May 18, 2016, Supervisor Hilda Solis and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti publicly launched Purposeful Aging Los Angeles at a joint press conference and announced that the County and City of Los Angeles had joined the Network of Age-Friendly Communities, a growing network of more than 100 communities nationwide.

As a member of the Network of Age-Friendly Communities, the County will begin a two-year planning process that will include: a) significant, countywide public outreach and engagement of diverse stakeholders such as older adults, cities, County departments, philanthropic organizations, community organizations, businesses and educational institutions; b) the development of a comprehensive baseline assessment of the County's age-friendliness; c) the identification of indicators to monitor future progress; and d) the formulation of a three-year, "Age-Friendly" Action Plan for Implementation (Age-Friendly Action Plan). The Age-Friendly Action Plan will outline a comprehensive set of proposed strategies to enhance the County's age-friendliness

across eight domains of livability, including: outdoor spaces and buildings, transportation, housing, social participation, respect and social inclusion, civic participation and employment, communication and information, community support and health services.

Successful implementation of Purposeful Aging Los Angeles and the Network of Age-Friendly Communities two-year planning process will require significant collaboration among County departments and externally among the Initiative's founding partners and diverse stakeholders from across the County, as identified above. Given the scale, complexity and transformative potential of this Initiative, an appropriate mandate from our Board is critical to ensuring successful inter-agency coordination, engagement of all 88 cities within the County and of other stakeholders, careful monitoring of the Initiative's progress, and coordination of this Initiative with other overlapping Board priorities such as the Homeless Initiative, Health Integration and the development of the County's new Strategic Plan.

CSS is the County's lead agency on older adult issues. CSS operates the County's Area Agency on Aging (AAA), which serves residents of 87 of the County's 88 cities and all unincorporated areas. Services provided through AAA include congregate and home-delivered meals, nutrition education, case management, legal assistance, supportive services, health insurance counseling, personal care and caregiver support programs for older and functionally impaired adults. CSS also operates 14 Community and Senior Centers and oversees the Adult Protective Services, a 24-hour program responsible for investigating situations of elder and dependent adult abuse throughout the County. Given CSS' central role in the provision of older adult services in the

County, it is best positioned to coordinate the Purposeful Aging Los Angeles Initiative.

**WE THEREFORE MOVE** that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct CSS and the Chief Executive Office to collaborate on the issue of Purposeful Aging Los Angeles Initiative, working with senior managers from the following departments and offices: the Department of Beaches and Harbor, the Community Development Commission, the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, the Office of the District Attorney, the Office of Emergency Management, the Fire Department, the Department of Health Services, the Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner, the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the Museum of Art, the Museum of Natural History, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Probation Department, the Department of Public Health, the Public Library, the Department of Public Social Services, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Regional Planning and other appropriate County entities.

2. This collaboration will include a robust, countywide planning and stakeholder engagement effort leading to the formulation of a 3-year Age-Friendly Action Plan by May 18, 2018. The departments will report back to the Board every six months on the status of the Purposeful Aging Los Angeles Initiative including public outreach efforts, age-friendly assessment activities and the formulation of the Age-Friendly Action Plan.

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